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President's Message

We received a most welcome surprise last quarter. The CSRA Bird Club of Augusta GA wrote a letter to us and inquired about the possibility of making a donation to NFSS. Our Vice President, Kerri McCoy, wrote a very eloquent response back and a few weeks later we received a \$500.00 donation. I wrote a thank you note to the club for the thoughtful and generous donation.

I want to welcome three members to the Board following our special election run in the Nov/Dec issue of the Bulletin. Two of the members have already been serving in their position as they were appointed pending the election.

Ginny Allen is returning to the Board as Liaison Officer, Darla Dandre has been elected as Regional Vice President of Region 3 and Anna Sinclair Regional Vice President of Region 5. Welcome to all three and I look forward to working with each of them over the next year.

Please remember the Nomination committee is looking for nominees for the 2002/2003 Board of Governors. Please contact Annette Howard, Armando Lee or myself, Dale Laird if you have a nomination or would like to run for a position yourself. Phone, call, or e-mail.

Have you checked the NFSS E-mail list yet? I am really enjoying the discussions and constantly learning something from it. If you would like to join the discussion about Finches and Softbills please go to NFSS-subscribe@egroups.com.

I am ending this month with a sad note. One of our lifetime members and judges, Ray Johnson, has passed away. Aviculturists and friends from around the country will miss him.

Dale Laird
President NFSS
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TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS FOR FINCHES AND SOFTBILLS

by Robert G. Black

Temperature control seems to be a vital subject for many finch breeders. When reading about the tropical finches, especially, one often encounters very definite temperature recommendations for maintaining and breeding these birds. Far too often, these artificial temperature controls allow no variation from daytime to nighttime hours. This lack of variation in the temperature for finches or soft-billed birds is totally unnatural, and I do not recommend stable, unchanging temperatures for any birds through any 24-hour period, under any conditions.

For keeping finches and softbills in good health and to ensure that they are able to control their body temperatures normally, those ambient temperatures should vary by at least 20 degrees from the warmest daytime conditions to the coolest nighttime conditions. In other words, a daytime high of 80 degrees on the Fahrenheit thermometer should go down to at least 60 degrees for the night. A daytime temperature of 60 degrees should go down to 40 degrees at night, and so on. On the Centigrade thermometer, this means a temperature variation of at least 11 degrees, with a daytime temperature of 24 degrees going down to a nighttime temperature of 13.

Finches that are maintained and bred under these varying temperature conditions will be far healthier and hardier than any bird that is kept in a thermostatically controlled area in which the temperature never varies. Indeed, any bird that is raised and maintained at an unvarying temperature of 75 or 80 degrees (24 to 27 degrees on the Centigrade thermometer) will probably die if their temperature suddenly goes down by 20 degrees Fahrenheit or 11 degrees Centigrade. I have seen Gouldian Finches raised under these hot-house conditions actually begin shivering when their surrounding air temperature was reduced to 75 degrees. On winter nights in a power failure, this could mean a major disaster for any breeder who keeps his birds at a set temperature.

You can be sure that a power failure will occur at the worst possible time for your birds, and if you keep them at an unvarying

temperature for months and then have a winter power failure, you are likely to lose all of them. As I have kept birds in remote conditions where power failures lasted as long as five days, I have had considerable experience in dealing with these conditions. One winter day, the daytime temperature was a balmy 75 degrees, and the same night, the temperature plummeted to only 13 degrees Fahrenheit, far below freezing. This is a variation of over 60 degrees F. in one 24-hour period. The Centigrade equivalent would be a 24 degree high for the day with the nighttime temperature falling to around minus 10. No birds raised under hothouse conditions can survive a temperature variation for a 24-hour period that is this extreme.

The reason for this sensitivity is easy to explain. The bird's body allocates the energy from the food it consumes to allow muscular exercise for flight, walking, displaying, and other normal physical functions, and also for the maintenance of the body's normal temperature. Since a finch's normal body temperature is well over 100° Fahrenheit, a high surrounding air temperature will mean that the bird's body allocates far less energy to heat production. When the heat requirement skyrockets without warning as air temperature plummets, a finch's tiny body will be unable to adjust its metabolism rapidly enough to compensate for the radical drop in the temperature of its environment. As a result, its body temperature falls, it puffs up its feathers to conserve body heat, and it becomes lethargic. If the body temperature falls below a certain point, bodily functions cease, and the bird dies.

The human metabolism works similarly. I have lived in both Florida and Alaska, and can assure you that in Miami, the overcoats come out of the closet when the temperature goes down to 60°, while in Fairbanks, Alaska, a spring temperature that rises to 45° Fahrenheit brings everyone out in short sleeves to enjoy the nice weather after a long, cold winter.

A diet that is well supplied with all of the nutrients that a bird needs will go a long ways toward helping the bird to remain in good health, regardless of the surrounding temperature conditions. Malnourished birds will appear puffy and lethargic even in temperatures above 80 degrees, Fahrenheit. Well nourished finches are sleek and active, even when the surrounding temperatures are in the

thirties, just above freezing.

Make certain your birds are eating a complete diet. Just because you are supplying the food does not mean that the birds are eating it. The only way you can be sure that the birds are consuming your nutritious foods regularly is actually to see them eating it.

One nutrient that I have found is crucially important in the ability of birds to regulate their metabolism and become accustomed to changing and colder temperatures is iodine. The thyroid gland combines iodine in the form of iodide compounds, such as potassium iodide, into the hormone thyroxine. This hormone controls growth and regulates the metabolism. Without an adequate quantity of these iodide compounds in the diet, a bird is unable to control its body temperature properly. This element is often deficient in the diets of cage birds, particularly if the foods you are feeding were grown and produced in an area far removed from the oceans. Unless you are already feeding a food that is rich in iodine, you need to provide an iodine supplement, usually available in the form of potassium iodide, in the diets of your cage birds. Potassium iodide solutions are made for disinfecting purposes, and this is the cheapest way to buy them. A drop of this solution added to a drinking container (roughly 4 ounces) will give the birds all of the iodine they need for good health. I do this routinely with my own birds at least once every two weeks. Once per week would be optimal.

Breeders who keep their finches at a standard hothouse environmental temperature of 80° are taking a terrible gamble. Particularly in cold climates, an unexpected cold snap and power failure that cuts off all heat can be an unparalleled disaster. I have found from experience that even wood stoves that are designed to operate with an electric blower will produce only 25% to 50% of their normal heat output when the power to the fan system is off. If the temperature in your bird room falls from a steady 80° Fahrenheit to a cooler 60° during a power failure, you can expect to lose over half of your birds. Should the temperature fall to 50° Fahrenheit or less, you will probably lose them all.

The common myth that tropical birds cannot tolerate cool temperatures is totally unfounded in actual fact. Though malnourished birds certainly cannot tolerate a temperature below freezing,

my own testing and experimentation over the past 30 years have convinced me that adequately nourished tropical birds will remain in perfect health and condition at temperatures considerably below freezing.

My own finches and softbills over the few weeks preceding this writing have tolerated nighttime temperatures of 35 degrees Fahrenheit on a number of nights, as they are kept outdoors with no auxiliary heating. The Gouldians have ignored the cold temperatures and have proceeded with their normal breeding season. One Gouldian hen that laid during the week that the temperature went down to 35° every night (that's 2 degrees on the Centigrade thermometer) has just hatched her clutch, with 100% fertility and 100% hatched. The mannikins from India, Indonesia, and Africa are as sleek and active at 35° as they are at 80 degrees or warmer in the summer. Even the parrot finches under my care have no problem coping with the cold nighttime temperatures.

When you maintain finches constantly at artificially high temperatures, it creates a serious problem for anyone buying them. It is also extremely unfair to the birds. They have no choice under our care concerning either their food or their environment. We can go a long ways toward ensuring their future health by simply allowing them a normal range of temperatures. Remember, conditions can change overnight drastically, and your finches should be able to accommodate themselves to these normal temperature changes without undue stress or discomfort.

The last bird mart that I attended was cool, around 60 degrees (16° Centigrade), and most of the birds were perfectly comfortable. However, one vendor obviously had brought hothouse finches to the mart. The cages were surrounded with plastic wrapping and had a light for heating, and the birds were still puffy and appeared cold. Maintaining birds under these hothouse conditions has earned many species a very bad reputation for being very sensitive to cold weather, when in reality with adequate care, they are not at all sensitive to cold weather.

The Gouldians are a perfect example. When my own young Gouldians come out of the nest on a morning with the temperature

just above freezing, they don't even have to fluff up their feathers to keep warm. They are quite comfortable under those conditions. While I lived in North Carolina, I experimented with keeping Gouldian Finches outdoors through the winter with no heating. Their water dishes were frozen solid every morning, and had to be thawed with hot water so the birds could drink. The nighttime temperatures went as low as 9°F (that's about minus 13 on the Centigrade scale). Yet, even after many weeks of this sub-freezing weather, none of the Gouldians had died, and all were still in perfect health. This proved to me beyond all doubt that the weak stamina and high mortality found in many finches is the direct result of unwise practices in their care, environment, and feeding, and certainly not the result of any inherent weakness nor inheritable weakness in the birds themselves.

Before I get accused of cruel and unusual treatment of finches, let me assure you that I do not recommend keeping tropical finches or softbills outdoors in severe northern winters. When the temperatures are consistently below freezing, auxiliary heating must be used judiciously to keep the temperature high enough so their water remains unfrozen, while still allowing a wide variation in temperature during the 24-hour day. Also, never forget that many birds from south of the equator will breed only during our fall and winter in the Northern Hemisphere. If you maintain these birds, you must realize that many species cannot keep their eggs warm enough to develop normally and hatch during temperatures that go well below freezing, so heating in some form must be used to keep the temperature above freezing while they are breeding.

The primary aim of this article is to advise strongly against the maintenance of constant, unvarying temperatures through the day and night for any bird in your care. Temperatures must be allowed to vary from day to night by at least 20 degrees F. or 11 degrees C. It is indeed a sad reflection on the care and experience of the bird breeder when most of the stock dies when the temperature goes down to 60° Fahrenheit. Give your birds the varying temperatures that they would experience in nature, and they will be far healthier and also far more adaptable to changes in their living conditions.

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The Gold-breasted Bunting By Grant Rishman

The Golden-breasted Bunting, *Emberiza flaviventris*, is widespread in Central, Southern and East Africa. They inhabit dry forest areas and the typical scrubland covered in acacia trees we all associate with the African savannas. They are usually found singly or in pairs. When brought into captivity a close watch should be kept on these birds, some pairs are devoted to each other, while others appear to be "hellbent" to cause whatever damage they possibly can to their own mate and any other species housed with them.

These terrestrial (ground dwelling) birds spend most of their time on the ground where they search for small seeds and insects. A good diet in captivity would include a basic seed mix supplemented with weed and brassica seeds (these seeds can often be purchased from seed merchants under the name of "wild grass seeds" or "screenings"). All members of the bunting family are highly insectivorous and require a varied insect diet. Some individuals readily take fruit, vegetables and a good quality egg food while others will totally ignore them. Every effort should be made to encourage the birds to sample as many different foods as possible. Mineral and vitamin supplements can be offered on any soft food, but if the birds will not take to the soft diet it will prove easier to feed the additives to insects, and then feed them to the birds. If I have birds that will not eat egg food I feed the egg food to mealworms and wax-moth larva and in turn feed these to the birds. In addition to all the other foods, these birds should be given ground oyster shell and crushed baked egg shells.

The basic rule that must be followed when attempting to breed any bunting is, "one pair to one aviary", they can be mixed with other species but not with their own kind, **ESPECIALLY WHEN BREEDING**. Even when housed in a mixed aviary these birds may show some belligerence but that is normal when mixed species are forming the "pecking order". At this point it should be said that breeding buntings is a challenge to even the most experienced aviculturists.

Male Golden-breasted Buntings have a tendency to chase the hens during courtship so they are best housed in the largest aviary available. The normal nesting site will be in a rock crevice or on the dirt in a small rocky outcrop, well-shielded from the prying eyes of predators (and bird keepers). The very sparse nest will be built by the hen using dried grass or coconut fiber and will often be placed under a small bush or in a clump of growing grass (so plan a visit to your local garden center). If there is a small pond or running water in the flight the birds tend to build very close to the water. The nest is usually lined with some kind of animal hair, dog, cat, horse etc.

Being a "cup-nester" the eggs are pale grey or blue with dark speckles (as opposed to the pure white eggs laid by most of the cavity nesters in our aviaries). Clutch size could vary up to six eggs but 2-3 is more likely.

The eggs hatch in 14 days. It is at this stage the hard work starts, as the parents will not feed the chicks anything but live food. As mentioned earlier to ensure the diet is complete it is necessary to have the best fed insects in the country!! Mealworms are insufficient as the birds grow tired of them quickly. Try supplementing mealworms with wax-moth larva, crickets, caterpillars, and almost any other insect you can catch, buy or breed. In the wild the adults spend a great deal of time looking for insects to take back to the nest, in captivity it is just a case of flying to the insect pot, grabbing an insect and returning to the nest with it.

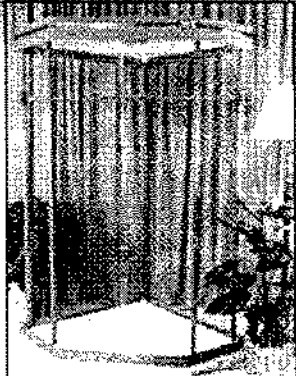
It is a good idea to place insects in a shallow dish with about half an inch of bran or cornmeal in the bottom. This makes it necessary for the parents to search for the insects (without making it too difficult for them to find any) and stops them from getting too bored during the raising period. The young grow very quickly and will fledge in about 14 days. The fact family groups are not seen together in the wild is a good indication that young should be removed from their parents as soon as they are independent.

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Avian Conversations
By Tom Riggs and Ross Bishop

NUTRITIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The scientific community has developed the belief that since a chemically produced food nutrient or vitamin looks the same as a natural one under a microscope, the two are identical. This ideology then gave rise to an enormous industry based upon the creation of artificial nutrition (food supplements, synthesized vitamins, TV dinners, food preservatives, etc.).

The economics of this situation are so compelling that they have completely overridden a large body of scientific evidence that says they either don't know what they are doing, or worse, that the food and drug industry is pulling one of the greatest scams in human history. And if you do not think that's possible, I would ask you to look no further than the tobacco industry where many tobacco firms are a part of larger food producing conglomerates.

Today's supermarket aisles are lined with products (some genetically altered, others irradiated) that are processed, supplemented, fortified and enhanced in every possible way. Regardless of these companies' advertising, this is not done to add nutrition to your food but to compensate for the vitality inherently lost in the process of modern agriculture, factory food production, storage and manufacturing. Robert Choate and others pointed out years ago that there was more nutrition in the Wheaties box than in the Wheaties themselves. Fortunately for our overseas neighbors, Europeans have largely resisted the "chemicalization" of their food supply, but as yet, we Americans have proven to be too docile. Politics also play a significant part since most of this stuff is manufactured in the U.S. The American motto seems to be "Better Living Through Chemistry".

Nowhere has the processed food philosophy taken a stronger hold than in animal feed. Cost is a huge consideration in animal food, and processed and supplemented food is always cheaper than natural food. The animal food and drug industry is quite large (as is their political influence). Mad Cow Disease notwithstanding, it isn't that these are necessarily bad people, the manufactured food theory is that a carefully controlled and balanced diet provides much better nutrition for the animal.

Predictably, this philosophy has found its way into pet bird feed. There are any number of pelletized, supplemented and formulated diets available for almost any bird today. And, with avian nutrition being a legitimate concern, the formula producers make the argument that their products go to the heart of a serious problem. They are also the only ones you hear from since the manufacturers and their distributors have a vested financial interest in selling you what they make.

Formulated diets are easy to use, cheaper and theoretically better nutrition -

but there's the rub. The fallacy in this argument is that chemically produced and synthesized nutrition is the same as the real thing. It is not.

I want to recommend another of Dr. McWatters' articles, Synthetic Bird Feeds: Do They Promote Health or Disease? It can be found at:

<http://www.parrothouse.com/pellets3.html>.

Many studies support the fact that artificial food simply does not work. You cannot make up for a deficient diet with supplements. The idea that natural nutrition can be substituted with chemicals is corrupt. Research on human nutrition has clearly established that vitamin supplementation is a good thing, but it can not counteract the effects of a poor diet. In other words, putting supplements on your bird's food is helpful, but it is not a substitute for good nutrition. Healthy nutrition only comes from a proper diet which creates the complex interrelationships of various food elements working together to sustain proper bodily function. Supplements and processed food should only be used to "fill the cracks" in an otherwise natural diet. I want to call your attention to another article by Dr. McWatters: And, Manufactured Diets Do They Provide What They Promise?

<http://www.parrothouse.com/pellets.html>.

The futuristic idea that we might someday live on food pills or TV dinners is simply unsound. (Why do you think we don't have them already?) We need the intricate interrelationships of natural foods (which is simply too complex for our present level of scientific understanding) in order for the nutritional process to be effective. Supplements can help fill gaps. That's all, and that is how they should be used.

Interestingly enough, one of the first stories about food chemistry totally supports this premise, but as I said, the economic pressures are so great, business people have been able to ignore them. In the late 17th century the British Navy found that feeding limes to sailors would defeat scurvy. An early, and overly enthusiastic, food scientist of the time identified Vitamin C from the limes and isolated it. A way was found to produce the vitamin artificially, and it was sold to the British Navy. Unfortunately, like many of today's vitamin supplements, it didn't work. Vitamin C alone lacked the subtle supporting chemicals (such as bioflavonoids) that are naturally found in limes that make the nutritional process work. The real thing was simply better, and the chemical industry has been fighting this truth (successfully, I might add) ever since.

Vitamins in nature never appear in a pure state. They are always found in combination with things like proteins, enzymes, and other nutrients. All of these components are needed to form the interrelationships that give living things good health.

Synthetic vitamins act more like drugs in the body. For example, laboratory animals given high doses of artificial vitamins, like ascorbic acid or Vitamin B-1 will become quite ill, whereas natural vitamins administered at the same doses will cause no harm. One study found that high intake of artifi-

cial Vitamin C increased atherosclerosis in the carotid arteries which leads to stroke. High intake of natural sources of Vitamin C did not have this effect. (See: Why Food Is Better Than Pellets, Dr. Alicia McWatters, <http://www.parrothouse.com/pellets2.html>).

Getting back to prepared bird food, in addition to chemical additives, the processing required to prepare bird food pellets destroys many essential food elements. Pelletization and extrusion alone require high heat and pressure that destroys important nutrients and vitamins. Some companies make up for the loss by spraying the pellets with chemicals to "compensate", but that is hardly an acceptable response. Plus, the steroids, antibiotics, hormones, pesticides, fungicides and herbicides used in factory farming get transferred directly down the food chain to your birds. Some prepared bird diets consist of additives sprayed on seed, but since birds do not produce saliva, these nutrients do not get into the bird. These expensive chemicals end up on your aviary waste bin.

There is a lot of room for argument on this point, and I wrote the research director at Kaytee, Dr. Randal Brue, and asked him to join our discussion but unfortunately, he chose not to respond.

When I visit an aviary where the birds are fed a pelleted diet, they simply do not compare with birds fed naturally. I can pick out the birds at a bird mart that live on artificial diets. I think that supplements are wise, and in fact, I feed pellets to my Grass Parakeets and softbills in addition to their normal food, as insurance. But additives must not be used as a replacement for the real thing.

FRESH FOOD

Now, having said all that about chemical diets, we also need to take a look at fresh foods. In addition to chemical residues on produce, the FDA did a study on the nutrition contained in fresh fruits and vegetables, published as "Composition of Foods, Hand-Book #8". Liz Wilson mentioned this study in an article on parrot diet, so I dug it out on the internet

(<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/Data/SR13/reports/sr13page.htm>) and learned some things. If you go there be warned, there's more information there than you'll ever possibly want. But, if you are patient, the results are rather startling and disturbing.

Like most people, I figured that if people fed fresh fruits and vegetables to their birds that they would get what they needed. This is not at all the case. Modern agricultural methods do not replenish the nutrients removed from the soil, in fact, they deplete them. So after a period of time there is nothing left in the soil for plants to absorb! Therefore the fruits and vegetables you buy today at the supermarket have far less nutrition than they did just a few years ago. This is especially true of fruit, so this will be of interest to softbill owners. I'm going to skip the stats and tell you that no matter what the Orange Juice Council, the Apple Advisory Board or others tell

you, you are basically eating and feeding sugar water and pulp to your birds. Fruit today contains little else.

The same thing holds true for vegetables, and since they apply more broadly to our audience, I will share with you some of those statistics. The values are the percentages of the human Recommended Dietary Allowances, but they will give you a good sense of what is and more importantly, what is not there:

	A	B1	B2	B6	D	E	Calcium
Broccoli	11%	-	5%	6%	-	-	-
Cabbage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrot	203%	-	-	6%	-	-	10%
Celery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cauliflower	-	-	-	7%	-	-	-
Corn	-	11%	-	-	-	-	-
Cucumber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dandelion Greens	61%	-	5%	-	-	-	9%
Mustard Greens	21%	-	-	-	-	-	6%
Kale	13%	-	-	-	-	-	11%
Iceberg Lettuce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Romaine Lettuce	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spinach *	74%	-	12%	11%	-	-	15%
Swiss Chard	28%	-	-	-	-	-	6%
Tomato	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yams	-	-	-	8%	-	-	-

*Contains oxalates and is not recommended for birds.

To just highlight what the chart is illustrating: to get the manganese you used to get from 10 green beans, today you have to eat 300! It takes 11 servings of today's spinach to provide the same amount of copper you used to get from one serving. Carrots used to have 10,000 IU of beta carotene, now they have less than 70. To get the same amount of iron that you received from one tomato in 1945 you'd have to eat 1,938 of today's tomatoes. Bon appetit (and they don't even taste good)! Wheat used to be 40% protein, it now contains from 0 to 10% protein. . . You get the point.

So, if pelleted diets aren't good, and store produce is seriously lacking in nutrition what's the answer? It's more expensive, and more work, but I chose for my birds and myself to grow my own, buy at our local farmer's market or buy organic.

Dr. McWatters sent over some research information that really supports this point. If you read the research that follows, the findings are simply staggering!

SCIENTISTS PROVE SUPERIOR NUTRITIVE VALUE OF ORGANIC FOOD!
Researchers at Rutgers University set out to disprove the claim that "Organic Is Better". They purchased selections of produce at supermarkets and health food stores and analyzed the produce for mineral content. Organic foods were those grown without the use of chemical pesticides or artificial fertilizers. Non organic foods, referred to here as "commercial," were grown with a variety of chemicals that enhance growth or destroy pests, many of which are known or suspected carcinogens (cancer causing). The idea that organic crops are nutritionally superior has been accepted largely on faith. There has been very little hard evidence to support this supposition.

Rutgers researchers expected the organic produce to be slightly higher in comparison, but the results were astounding! The amount of iron in the organic spinach was 97% higher than the commercial spinach, and the manganese was 99% greater in the organic. Many essential trace elements were completely absent in the commercial produce whereas they were comparatively abundant in their organically grown counterparts.

To be continued next issue.

National Finch and Softbill Society Top Ten Shows of 2000

October 21, 2000	Capitol City Bird Society, Roseville, CA	Julie R. Duimstra	126
October 22, 2000	Capitol City Bird Society, Sacramento, CA	Bill Parlee	118
June 3, 2000	Illini Bird Fanciers, Shelbyville, IL	Tom Rood	116
Nov 4, 2000	Cage Bird Society of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Patrick Vance	113
Nov 17, 2000	52 nd National Cage Bird Show, San Juan, PR	Conrad Meinert	110
Nov 25, 2000	Santa Clara Valley Canary and Exotic Bird Club, Santa Clara, CA	Steve Hoppin	107
Nov 25, 2000	NIROC, Elk Grove Village, IL	Dale Laird	99
Sep 30, 2000	KT Great American Bird Show, Appleton, WI	Tom Rood	92
Nov 4, 2000	Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club, Chicago, IL	Steve Hoppin	91
October 7, 2000	Aviary & Cage Bird Society of South Florida, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Steve Hoppin	85
October 14, 2000	Mid America Cage Bird Society, Des Moines, IA	Tom Rood	85

Individual Bird Reports, 2000

These are birds with 20 points or more towards Championship title.

<u>Species:</u>	<u>Band #</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Pied Normal Zebra cock	D-2065-00	23	Sally Huntington
Red Crested Touraco	T-1-97	20	Dale & Eileen Laird
Society Finch	E-3991-95	20	Felipe Bonilla

* **Note** – Birds not earning points in a two year period will be dropped from this list, but not the Master List.

Sociedad de Avicultores,
Bayamon, PR

Exhibitors: 11

Entries: 58

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
1/15/2000	1	Jorge Mojica	Normal Zebra		n/m
	2	Luis A. Vasquez	Scaley Crowned Weaver		n/m
Judge:	3	Luis A. Vasquez	Shaftail		n/m
Cecil	4	Jorge Mojica	CFW Zebra		n/m
Gunby	5	Alexander Rivera	Cordon Bleu		n/m
	6	Luis A. Vasquez	White Java		n/m

Florida State Fair, Tampa,
FL

Exhibitors: 9

Entries: 70

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
2/20/2000	1	Armando Lee	Orange Cheek Waxbill		7
	2	Chris Eichner	RHWB Gouldian hen	D-1238-98	6
Judge:	3	Bobbi Keenan	Red Cheek Cordon Bleu	C-318-99	5
Cecil	4	Armando Lee	Red-legged Honey Creepers		4
Gunby	5	Steve Hoppin	Black Crested Finch	E-361-98	3
	6	Joy Johnson	White Java Rice Bird		2
	7	Bobbi Keenan	Gold-breasted Waxbill	A-130-99	1

Florida State Fair,
Tampa, FL

Exhibitors: 8

Entries: 62

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
2/21/2000	1	Armando Lee	Red-legged Honey Creepers		7
	2	Armando Lee	Orange Cheek Waxbill		6
Judge:	3	Steve Hoppin	Parson		5
Clarence	4	Steve Hoppin	Black Crested Finch	E-361-98	4
Culwell	5	Dale & Eileen Laird	CFW Zebra hen	D-12139-97	3
	6	Dale & Eileen Laird	Red Crested Tanager	T-1-97	2
	7	Chris Eichner	BHYellow Body Gouldian	D-3212-99	1

Illini Bird Fanciers,
Shelbyville, IL

Exhibitors: 16

Entries: 116

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
6/3/200	1	Richard & Rose Dickman	Chocolate Self Society	D-1773-00	9
	2	Martha Wigmore	Normal Gray Zebra cock	D-3363-99	8
Judge:	3	Carolyn Belisle	Green Singing Finch	C-1966-97	7
Tom	4	Dennis Burchans	Chocolate Self Society	E-2628-99	6
Rood	5	Lisa Erickson	Orange Cheek Waxbill		n/m
	6	Lisa Erickson	White-headed Munia		n/m
	7	Carolyn Belisle	Orange-headed Gouldian	D-6047-97	3
	8	Mark Phelps	Red-legged Honey Creepers		2
	9	Bonnie Leader	Red-headed Parrot Finch		1

Sociedad de Avicultores PR, Dorado, PR

Exhibitors: 7

Entries: 26

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
6/24/2000	1	Jorge Mojica	CFW Zebra cock		n/m
	2	Alfredo Brugueras	RH Gouldian	D-8221-98	2
Judge:	3	Angel Plaza	White Java		n/m

Dennis Lewis

Suncoast Avian Society, St. Petersburg, FL

Exhibitors: 6

Entries: 34

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
8/4/2000	1	Armando Lee	Parson		4
	2	Armando Lee	Spangled Tanager		3
Judge:	3	Armando Lee	Fawn Shaftail		2
Dr. A	4	Armando Lee	Diamond Sparrow		1

Decoteau

Midwest Zebra & Society Finch Club Show, MO date 8/5/00

Exhibitors: 18

Entries: 140

* Society Finch Section

Judge Charlie Anchor

Entire show - no points

Entries: 23

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #
1	Rich Diekman	Dark Chocolate Society	
2	Bob Rittman	Black/Brown Self Society	
3	Clarence Culwell	Chestnut & White Society	

* Standard Color Zebra Section

Entries: 92

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band#
1	Steve Hoppin	Normal Grey Zebra cock	
2	Jackie Meyer	Lightback Zebra cock	
3	Nita Haas	CFW Zebra cock	
4	Tom Rood	Pair Normal Grey Zebra	
5	Elises Bonilla	Normal Grey Zebra cock	
6	Tom Rood	Cream Zebra	
7	Clarence Culwell	Pied Zebra	
8	Jamie Jackson	Fawn Zebra hen	

* Rarer Color Variety - Zebra Finch Section

Entries: 25

Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band#
1	Jamie Jackson	Grey Fawn Check Zebra	
2	Jamie Jackson	Pied Black Face Zebra	
3	Jamie Jackson	Pied Fawn Check	

Connecticut Ca- nary & Finch, CT		Exhibitors: 12		Entries: 66	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
9/3/2000	1	M. Marcotrigiano	Chestnut Gray Society	E-1062-00	7
	2	Kathy Vieweg	Blue Capped Waxbill	G-5-99	6
Judge:	3	Kathy Vieweg	Red-throated Parrot Finch	E-274-00	5
Nizam Ali	4	Tom & Judy Taylor	Cuban Melodious		4
	5	Laura Tinker	WB Gouldian cock	D-968-98	3
	6	Tom & Judy Taylor	Silver Zebra cock		2
	7	Kathy Vieweg	Pair Lavender Waxbills	D-1408-00/D-1409-00	1
Greater Brandon Avian Society, Tampa, FL		Exhibitors: 5		Entries: 39	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
9/9/2000	1	Steve Hoppin	Parson		4
	2	Steve Hoppin	CFW Zebra hen	D-10724-00	3
Judge:	3	Armando Lee	Beryl Spangled Tanager		2
Dale Laird	4	Armando Lee	RH Gouldian	D- 6528-99	1
Birds of a Feather Avic., Nashua, NH		Exhibitors: 8		Entries: 40	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
9/16/2000	1	Kathy Vieweg	Lavender Waxbill	D-1401-00	5
	2	Kathy Vieweg	RH Gouldian	E-344-98	4
Judge:	3	Kathy Vieweg	Red-throated Parrot Finch	E-274-00	3
Dr. A	4	Tom & Judy Taylor	Silver Zebra		2
Decoteau	5	Tom & Judy Taylor	St. Helena Waxbill		1
New Mexico Bird Club, Albuquer- que, NM		Exhibitors: 0		Entries: 0	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
9/23/2000					
Judge:					
Dennis Lewis					
Toledo Bird Asso- ciation, Toledo, OH		Exhibitors: 4		Entries: 25	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
9/30/2000	1	Rick Yunker	Zebra		3
	2	Rick Yunker	Java		2
Judge:	3	Larry Endsley	Gouldian		1
Charles Anchor					

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**KT Great American Bird Show,
Appleton, WI**

Exhibitors: 14

Entries: 92

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
9/30/2000	1	Jeanne Beth Murphy	RH Gouldian		n/m
	2	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		7
Judge:	3	Nita Haas	Pied Zebra	4829-97	6
Tom Rood	4	Bonnie Leader	Red-headed Parrot Finch		5
	5	Carolyn Belisle	Green Singing Finch	C-1966-97	4
	6	Nita Haas	Chocolate Society	604-99	3
	7	Shelia Jester	YHFWB Gouldian	4005-99	n/m
	8	Lisa Erickson	Orange Cheek waxbill		n/m

**WINGS / KT
GABS day 2, Appleton, WI**

Exhibitors: 6

Entries: 62

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/1/2000	1	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		7
	2	Lisa Erickson	Shaftail		n/m
Judge:	3	Bonnie Leader	Red-headed Parrot Finch		5
Conrad	4	Darla Dandre	Yellow billed Zebra hen	D-3866-99	4
Meinert	5	Carolyn Belisle	Green Singing Finch	C-1966-97	3
	6	Darla Dandre	Pied Dove		2
	7	Carolyn Belisle	Pair Gouldian Finches	D-6120-98/D-479-95	1

Acadiana Bird Club, Lafayette, LA

Exhibitors: 1

Entries: 6

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/1/2000	1	Ron Herun	Gouldian		0

Judge:
Clarence Culwell

Ft. Worth Bird Club, Colleyville Comm Cntr.

Exhibitors: 3

Entries: 57

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/7/2000	1	Donna Field	Blue-breasted Parrot Finch		6
	2	Clarence Culwell	Bronzewing Manikin		5
Judge:	3	Donna Field	European Siskin		4
Charles	4	Clarence Culwell	European Starling		3
Anchor	5	Donna Field	Chocolate Self Society		2
	6	Clarence Culwell	Pair Pied Zebra		1

**Society of Finch &
Canary Breeders,
Livonia, MI**

Exhibitors: 11

Entries: 68

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/7/2000	1	Takeda Fumi	Orange-headed Gouldian		7
	2	Darla Dandre	Cinnamon Java Rice Bird		6
Judge:	3	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		5
Conrad	4	Darla Dandre	Yellow-billed Zebra hen	D-3866-99	4
Meinert	5	Patrick Vance	Melba		3
	6	Frank Reitano	European Goldfinch		n/m
	7	Darla Dandre	Fawn Pied Ringneck Dove		1

**Aviary & Cage
Bird Society, day
1, Ft. Lauderdale,
Date**

Exhibitors: 17

Entries: 85

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/7/2000	1	Armando Lee	Red-legged Honey Creeper		8
	2	Felipe Bonilla	Light Back Zebra	D-7241-99	7
Judge:	3	Denise DiLiello	Gold Breasted Bunting		n/m
Steve	4	Armando Lee	Fawn Shaftail		5
Hoppin	5	Felipe Bonilla	Normal Zebra	D-8990-00	4
	6	Bobbi Keenan	Red Cheek Cordon Bleu	B-151-00	3
	7	Denise DiLiello	Paradise Whydah		n/m
	8	Ginny Allen	Chocolate Self Society	E-575-00	1

**Aviary & Cage
Bird Society, day
2, Ft. Lauderdale,
Date**

Exhibitors: 12

Entries: 70

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/8/2000	1	Steve Hoppin	Senegal Firefinch	B-460-96	7
	2	Armando Lee	Fawn Shaftail		6
Judge:	3	Marcia David	Chocolate Self Society	E-2263-00	5
Cecil Gunby	4	Felipe Bonilla	Zebra cock	D-8990-00	4
	5	Susan DeBusk	CFW Zebra	D-2713-99	3
	6	Armando Lee	Red-legged Honey Creeper		2
	7	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Normal Gray Java	K-273-00	1

**Mid America Cage
Bird Society, Des
Moines, IA**

Exhibitors: 15

Entries: 85

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/14/2000	1	Dennis Burhans	Blue Gouldian		8
	2	Jeanne E. Murphy	RH Gouldian		n/m
Judge:	3	Dennis Burhans	Chocolate & White Society		6
Tom Rood	4	Martha Wigmore	Fawn Zebra cock	D-3465-00	5
	5	Carolyn Belisle	Green Singing Finch	C-1966-97	4
	6	Dennis Burhans	BH Gouldian		3
	7	Dennis Burhans	Grey Society		2
	8	Carolyn Belisle	European Starling		1

Massachusetts Cage Bird Show, MA		Exhibitors: 10		Entries: 51	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/14/2000	1	Angela & Dan Gray	Normal Java cock		6
	2	M. Marcotrigiano	Chestnut Gray Self Society		5
Judge: Nizam Ali	3	Laura Tinker	WB Gouldian cock	D-968-98	4
	4	Laura Tinker	Cutthroat hen	D-962-98	3
	5	Judy Taylor	Silver Zebra cock		2
	6	Laura Tinker	Pair Cutthroat Finches	D-6555-97	1
Greater Kansas City Avic. Society, Harrisonville, MO		Exhibitors: 8		Entries: 48	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/21/2000	1	Nita Haas	CFW Zebra	577-99	5
	2	Dennis Burhans	Chocolate Society		4
Judge: Harold Bowles	3	Shirley Landkamer	Black Cheek Zebra		n/m
	4	Dennis Burhans	Gouldian		2
	5	Moses Linn	Starling		n/m
Great Lakes Avic. Society, Rockford, MI		Exhibitors: 3		Entries: 30	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/21/2000	1	Darla Dandre	Pr. Blue Green Glossy Starling		4
	2	Darla Dandre	Pekin Robin		3
Judge: Clarence Cubwell	3	Darla Dandre	Gray Zebra hen		2
	4	Darla Dandre	Cinnamon Java Rice		1
Int'l Canary & Fluch, Niagra Falls, NY		Exhibitors: 5		Entries: 19	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/21/2000	1	Guenther Giesecke	Agate Green Finch		n/m
Judge: Patrick Vance					
NY Fluch & Type Canary Club, Brooklyn, NY		Exhibitors: 12		Entries: 52	
Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/21/2000	1	Barbara & Stan Kulak	CFW Zebra	D-3827-98	6
	2	Nizam Ali	Parson		5
Judge: Dr. A Decoteau	3	Dan & Angela Gray	Normal Java		4
	4	Nizam Ali	Asian White Eye Zosterop		3
	5	Surin	European Siskin		2
	6	George Lee	Shafail		n/m

**Baltimore Bird
Fanciers, Balti-
more, MD**

Exhibitors: 2

Entries: 2

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/21/2000	1	Stephanie Lopez	White Zebra hen		0

Judge:

Miki Spartzak

**Capitol City Bird
Society, Roseville,
CA**

Exhibitors: 11

Entries: 126

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/21/2000	1	Clara Gontero	Pair Blk Checked Waxbills		10
	2	Sally Huntington	Pair Button Quail/ Best unfl.	L-55-00/L-56-00	9
Judge:	3	Sally Huntington	Pied Normal Zebra cock	D-2065-00	8
Julie	4	Clara Gontero	Orange Cheek Waxbill		7
Duimstra	5	Davis-Lund Aviaries	Livingston's Touraco	AFA BMA273	n/m
	6	Rich & Jerilyn Pizzurro	Cherry Finch		5
	7	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Indian Silverbill		4
	8	Rich & Jerilyn Pizzurro	Owl Finch		3
	9	Sally Huntington	Pekin Robin	J-8-97	2
	10	Rich & Jerilyn Pizzurro	Self Chocolate Society	E-1004-00	1

**Capitol City Bird
Society, Sacra-
mento, CA**

Exhibitors: 10

Entries: 118

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/22/2000	1	Sally Huntington	Pied English Zebra	D-2065-00	9
	2	Rich & Jerilyn Pizzurro	Chocolate Self Society	E-1004-00	8
Judge:	3	Sally Huntington	Honey Creeper	C-101-00	7
Bill Parlee	4	Clara Gontero	Dilute Gouldian	D-3282-99	6
	5	Rich & Jerilyn Pizzurro	Cherry Finch		5
	6	Sally Huntington	Pair Button Quail	L-55-00/L-56-00	4
	7	Alvin Lea	Blue Capped Waxbill		3
	8	Mariana Mejia	CFW Zebra		2
	9	Alvin Lea	Green Singer		1

**Canary & Finch
Society, League
City, TX**

Exhibitors: 8

Entries: 51

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/28/2000	1	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Shaftail		6
	2	Donna Mallory-Fields	Normal Zebra hen		5
Judge:	3	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Superb Starling		4
Dale	4	Donna Mallory-Fields	European Siskin		3
Laird	5	Donna Mallory-Fields	Chestnut & White Society		2
	6	Harold & Margie McBrayer	White Eye Zosterop		1

**Motor City Bird
Breeders, Warren,
MI**

Exhibitors: 6

Entries: 56

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
10/28/2000	1	Darla Dandre	Pr Blue Green Glossy Starling		6
	2	Darla Dandre	Cinnamon Java Rice	L-61-99	5
Judge:	3	Patrick Vance	Melba		4
Clarence	4	Darla Dandre	Indian Hill Mynah		3
Culwell	5	Darla Dandre	Zebra	E-1241-99	2
	6	Patrick Vance	Diamond Sparrow	E-1413-00	1

**Greater Pittsburgh
CBS, Pittsburgh,
PA**

Exhibitors: 4

Entries: 30

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/4/2000	1	Raymond Slemok	Green Singing Finch		4
	2	James Felix	Fawn Shaftail		3
Judge:	3	Margie Jonnet	Ringneck Dove		n/m
Conrad	4	James Felix	Senegal Firefinch		1
Meinert					

**Cage Bird Society
of Hamilton, On-
tario, Canada**

Exhibitors: 12

Entries: 113

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/4/2000	1	Steve Wilson	Normal Zebra		9
	2	Keith Dickens	Pair Spice Finch		n/m
Judge:	3	Steve Wilson	Shaftail		7
Patrick	4	Steve Wilson	BH Goukdian		6
Vance	5	Chuck Vardy	Gold Brested Bunting		n/m
	6	John De Jesus	Tri-color Parrot Finch		n/m
	7	Mike Manley	Cuban Melodious		3
	8	Jose Madeiros	Normal Zebra		n/m
	9	Lynne & Mike West	BH Goukdian		n/m

**Central California
Cage Bird Club,
Modesto, CA**

Exhibitors: 5

Entries: 68

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/4/2000	1	Richard Pizzurro	Cherry Finch		7
	2	Richard Pizzurro	Scalye Crowned Weaver		6
Judge:	3	Richard Pizzurro	Light Back Zebra cock		5
Clayton	4	Richard Pizzurro	Self Chocolate Society		4
Jones	5	Clara Gontero	Pair Gold Breasted Waxbill		3
	6	Clara Gontero	Green Avadavat		2
	7	Alvin & Dixie Lea	Pekin Robin		1

**Missouri Cage
Bird Association,
St. Louis, MO**

Exhibitors: 6

Entries: 43

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/4/2000	1	Bonnie Leader	Parrot Finch		5
	2	Tom Rood	Pair Zebra	2128-97/4508-98	4
Judge:	3	Dennis Burhaus	Fawn Cherry Finch		3
Miki	4	Tom Rood	Cream Zebra	5796-00	2
Sparzak	5	Dennis Burhaus	Lavendar Waxbill		1

**Texas Bird Breed-
ers & Fanciers,
Temple, TX**

Exhibitors: 4

Entries: 67

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/4/2000	1	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Pekin Robin		7
	2	Clarence Culwell	Pair Pied Zebra		6
Judge:	3	Harold & Margie McBrayer	White Eye Zosterop		5
Martha	4	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Yellow-rump Diamond Spar- row		4
Wigmore	5	Donna Mallory-Field	Forbes Parrot Finch		3
	6	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Shaftail		2
	7	Donna Mallory-Field	Europeau Siskin		1

**Greater Chicago
Cage Bird Club,
Chicago, IL**

Exhibitors: 12

Entries: 91

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/4/2000	1	Lisa Erickson	Orange Cheek Waxbill		n/m
	2	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		7
Judge:	3	Bob & Sue Rahe	Lavender Waxbill	GC14-97	6
Steve	4	Lisa Erickson	Chestnut Munia		n/m
Hoppin	5	Lisa Erickson	Spice Finch		n/m
	6	John & Jane Muscato	Fawn Zebra cock		n/m
	7	Darla Dandre	Pied Ringneck Dove		2
	8	John & Jane Muscato	Grey Zebra cock		n/m

**Rocky Mtn Society
of Avic., Denver,
CO**

Exhibitors: 4

Entries: 23

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/5/2000	1	Debby & Dave Steele	Orange Cheek Waxbill		3
	2	Anna Sinclair	Chocolate & White Society		2
Judge:	3	Tony Tran	RH Gouldian		n/m
Dr. Al Decoteau					

**Georgia Caged
Bird Society,
Marietta, GA**

Exhibitors: 15

Entries: 55

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/5/2000	1	Kathleen Clark	Shaftail		6
	2	Cathy Abramson	Diamond Sparrow		n/m
Judge:	3	Margie Lanier	Zebra	D-6834	n/m
Cecil Gunby	4	Kerri McCoy	Pintail Nonpareil	D-2891	3
	5	Kathleen Clark	Button Quail		2
	6	Chris Eichner	RH Gouldian		1

**National Cage
Bird Show, San
Juan, PR**

Exhibitors: 16

Entries: 110

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/17/2000	1	Sally Huntington	Pekin Robin	J-8-97	9
	2	Patrick Vance	Shaftail		8
Judge:	3	Alfredo Brugueras	Parson	11002-99	7
Conrad	4	Sally Huntington	Pied Grey Zebra/Best Unfl.	D-2065-00	6
Meinert	5	Sally Huntington	Yellow-legged Honey Creeper	C-101-00	5
	6	Sally Huntington	Blue Button Quail	L-100-99	4
	7	Patrick Vance	Fallow Diamond Sparrow	E-1413-00	3
	8	Luis A. Vasquez	White Java Rice		n/m
	9	Alfredo Brugueras	Pekin Robin		1

**Cascade Canary
Breeders Assn,
Seattle, WA**

Exhibitors: 6

Entries: 33

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/25/2000	1	Charles Brill	Owl Finch cock/Best Novice		4
	2	Paula Hansen	Dybowski's Twinspot		3
Judge:	3	Shirley Perkins	RH Gouldian cock		2
Julie Duinstra	4	Paula Hansen	Blue Capped Waxbill cock		1

NIROC, Elk
Grove Village, IL

Exhibitors: 16

Entries: 99

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/25/2000	1	Bonnie Leader	Parrot Finch		8
	2	Carolyn Belisk	European Starling		7
Judge:	3	Lisa Erickson	Bronze Wing Mannikin	E-95-98	n/m
Dale Laird	4	Karla Scarpelli	Shaftail	GC-00-32	n/m
	5	Darla Dandre	Persa Touraco		4
	6	Darla Dandre	Pied Ringneck Dove		3
	7	Lisa Erickson	Spice Finch		n/m
	8	Darla Dandre	Greater Indian Hill Mynah		1

Santa Clara Valley
CEBC, Santa
Clara, CA

Exhibitors: 9

Entries: 107

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
11/25/2000	1	Steve Payne	Gold Breasted Bunting		9
	2	Steve Payne	White Hooded Nun	D-13004-96	8
Judge:	3	Rich & Jeri Pizzurro	Orange Check Waxbill		7
Steve	4	Roy Beckham	Rufous Back Mannikin		6
Hoppin	5	Clara Gontero	Pair Gold Breasted Waxbill	A-176-99/A178-99	5
	6	Rich & Jeri Pizzurro	Owl Finch		4
	7	Clara Gontero	RH Gouklian	D-10025-98	3
	8	Rich & Jeri Pizzurro	Chocolate Self Society	D-1004-00	2
	9	Rich & Jeri Pizzurro	Grey Zebra	D-661-00	1

Cajun Canary
Club, Metairie,
LA

Exhibitors: 3

Entries: 29

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
12/2/2000	1	Harold & Margie McBrayer	White Eye Zosterop		3
	2	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Shaftail		2
Judge:	3	Donna Mallory-Field	Chocolate & White Society		1
Clarence Culwell					

Central Alabama
Avic. Society,
Montgomery, AL

Exhibitors: 12

Entries: 84

Date	Award	Exhibitor	Species	Band #	Points
	1	Cecil Gunby	Bali Mynah		8
Judge:	2	Gimty Allen	Plumhead Finch	D-7845-96	7
Paul	3	Harold & Margie McBrayer	Shaftail		6
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